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1. At the outbreak of the Korean war the Chinese Communist Central Politburo ordered all Chinese Communist Party (CCP) political and military organizations, as well as high Government officials, to hold conferences on how the CCP can win final victory in case of a third world war.
 2. The Politburo called a military conference on 1 August at the Wagon-Lits Hotel in Peking to discuss the reports submitted. As a result of this discussion a committee, known as the Military Readjustment Committee, was instituted. MAO Tse-tung, CHU Te, LIU Shao-ch'i, MIEN Jung-chen, HSU Hsiang-ch'ien, LIN Piao, PENG Te-huai, CH'EN Yi, and LIU Po-ch'eng were appointed to be standing members of the Committee.
 3. The Military Readjustment Committee plans to establish a National Defense Army of 200 divisions of 2,500,000 men. This Army will not engage in production work. The Committee also plans a reserve army of 150 divisions of 2,000,000 men, and a militia of 27,000,000 men.
 4. It is planned to organize 15,000,000 men of this militia in 1950, in areas where land reform has been completed or will be completed before the end of the year. Organization of local militia is to be undertaken by local Party headquarters, the Youth Corps, farmers' associations, women's associations, labor unions, and land reform committees. Old and enfeebled soldiers who have been recently discharged are to be recruited for two weeks military training. All men 18 to 45 years of age, including former Nationalist soldiers, will be called upon.

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